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P.A.

As desired by Couns. the papers are submitted.

G.L. Khanna
(G.L. Khanna)
Press Attache
1-2-1961.

Couns

Ambs may kindly see S/1 + S/3.

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Submitted.

Couns

Agarwal

12/4/61

G.L. Khanna

The correspondence dealing with material
has been dealt by FS. The file, therefore, should
be transferred to the chancery.

FS.

for 11/7/61

G.L. Khanna
15/9/61

S. No. (11) F.R.

Pl. let me have a draft reply.

It'd. PAM
19/5

D.F.A.

Admission
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Ans

FS

Ambassador may kindly see S.No.23 and S.No. 24. We had contacted the firm in question who were rather reluctant to start on the work without some part payment. In the circumstances we thought it would be better to leave it to Shri Bose to arrange the payment himself.

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2. To-day, however, the Foreign Office have ^{urgently} ~~urgently~~ informed us ~~saying~~ that it would be very difficult for them to have these archives free for photographing for many months after August. They were, therefore, anxious to have the work done this month itself. I have explained our difficulties but am afraid that if Shri Bose's reply is delayed further, the photographing of the archives might be delayed by 7 to 8 months.

3. Shri Bose's letter to me at S.No.15 states clearly that he has a permit for Rs. 1,000 for the expenditure. We might, therefore, take the risk and place the order with the photographing firm and immediately write to Shri Bose to send the money direct to the firm because the work has already started. The Ministry of EA will be informed of our action. This will involve putting the Embassy to the risk of payment if Shri Bose does not pay promptly. Unfortunately, there is a sentence in Foreign Secretary's original letter(S.No.1) which limits our discretion in the matter to some extent.

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Admission

18-8-1961

Ans.

Discussed with Amb. - Please see telegram to Shri Bose calling for 7.0.
want to complete work in August - Foreign Office requests completion in August -
otherwise delay several months - Please intimate further details. 20/8/61 *NSH*

Ref PS's instructions at preface.

The telegram has been issued. It is placed in the file.

[Signature]
21.8.61

PS has seen.
no further action
at this stage.
[Signature]

D. NO 151/216/70

F.R.

Reference pertains to Pal Ben's file
NO SEC/47/61 which is ^{obtained from Pal Ben and} placed below.
FS(1) may kindly see for order. Perhaps
the matter will be dealt by Pal Ben.

[Signature] 30/7.70

FS(1) has
seen. file
is returned
by 30/7.

I have today handed over a note, a copy of which is placed below, to Dr. Hoffman, at the India desk in the Federal Foreign Office. He has agreed to study the possibilities of perhaps micro-filming and also/giving some originals for the National Archives of India.

Ambassador may kindly see after which I shall inform the Ministry of Education.

[Signature]
(H.D. Bhalla)
13.8.1970

~~Ambassador~~

(SCP)

[Signature]
14.8.70

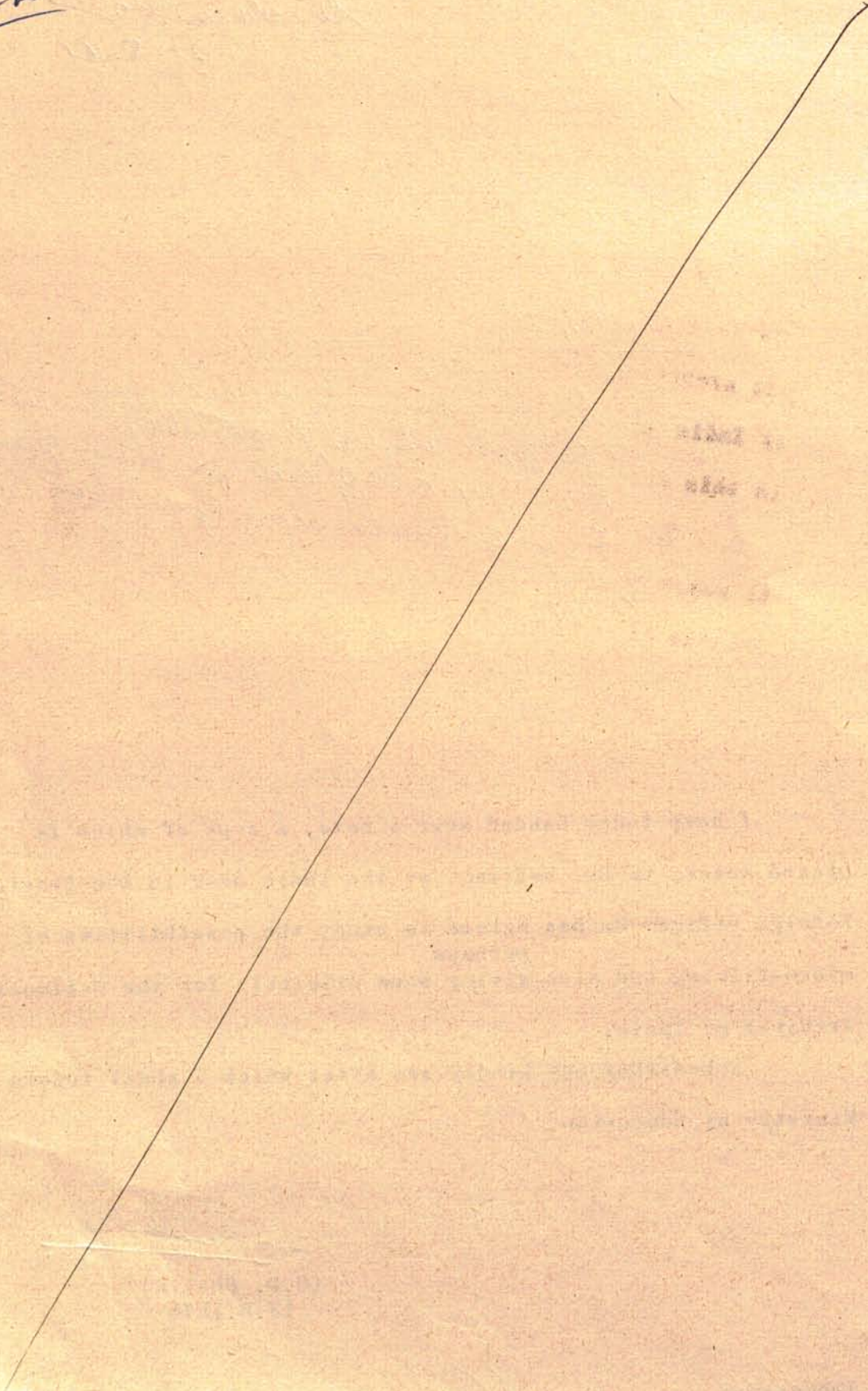
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NO.BON/G/1/72

8th June, 1972.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/4/72-JP, dated 19th April, 1972.

The publications pertaining to Germany are items 3, 8, 10 and 12. Our comments on these 4 publications are as follows:

1. Copy of Potsdam Agreement is available and is enclosed.
2. Extensive enquiries by us have not revealed any publication titled "German Military Intelligence" as published by the German Military Department. We have, however, traced a book of the same title whose author is Paul Leverkuehn. The English version has been published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 7 Cork Street, London W. 1 in 1954.
3. According to our information, INTERPRESS was published by one of the occupying powers in 1949. Copies of this publication are not available in the FRG. We have been advised that this may be found either in the British Museum Newspaper Library, Colindale Avenue, London N.W.9 or in the Library of Congress, Washington.
4. As regards item 12, this too is not available in the FRG, but being an U.N. document, should be available at U.N. Headquarters in New York.

Yours ever,

Dev.
Chancery

Ministry of External
Affairs, New Delhi.

Copy forwarded to:

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2. High Commission of India, London.
3. Embassy of India, Washington.

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(D. Mukharji)
First Secretary(P)

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No. C/551/4/72-JP
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

New Delhi, 19 April 1972.

Dear Mission,

Please refer to our letter of even number dated 19 April 1972 in which we had asked the Mission to let us know if some documents mentioned in the letter pertaining to Netaji's disappearance were available in the country of your accreditation. You are requested to send us your reply without further delay.

Yours ever
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Ministry.

1. Embassy of India, Washington.
2. Embassy of India, Bonn.
3. Embassy of India, Tokyo.
4. High Commission of India, London.

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With regard to item 10 of the letter, neither the Library of the American Embassy nor the British Council in Cologne could give any positive information. However they have suggested that we may contact :

1. British Museum
Newspaper Library
Colindel Avenue
London- NW 9
2. Library of Congress
Washington

Subject : Documents pertaining to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

1. The photocopy of the historical Postdam Agreement(in English language) has been obtained from the library of Bundeshaus in Bonn.

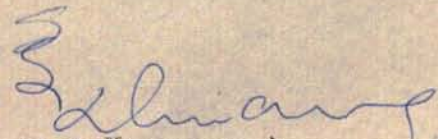
2. As regards item 8, I contacted the Ministry of Defence and was told that it is not possible that the German Military Deptt. should have published a book ~~about~~ on German Military Intelligence, as no country would do so. However they suggested that perhaps it could be the memoirs written by Mr. Gehlen, who was the head of the intelligence service till recently. A book with the same title which is in fact a translation and three more books on the same line are submitted.

The information given in item 8 is not sufficient to trace the book. Author's name and year of publication etc. are not mentioned.

3. As regards the magazine "Interpress", I have asked Presseamt, American Embassy in Bonn (as one guesses that this was an american magazine which was published from Heidelberg), Institute for Journalism in Dortmund and Central Library of German Military in Düsseldorf (as suggested by the American Embassy) for any information with regard to this book. No reference has been found in all these places.

4. Minutes relating to the ratification of the list of the War Criminals as made by U.N.O. in year 1972 was not available ~~with~~ in the Library of Bundeshaus. But this could be easily obtained from U.N.O. Head Quarters in U.S.A..

However, we could ask German Foreign Office which may be in possession of this document.


(S.S. Khurana)
Translator

Mr. Mukharji

FS (P)

New Delhi, 19 April 1972.

Dear Mission,

As you might be knowing Shri P.K. Mookiah Thevar, President of the Forward Bloc, has filed a petition with the Netaji Enquiry Commission asking the Commission among other things to obtain some documents pertaining to Netaji's disappearance claimed to be available with foreign Governments. A list of the 12 documents mentioned by Shri Thevar is given below:

1. Mac-Arthur's Report after Japan's surrender to the Anglo-American Bloc.
2. British and American Military Intelligence Report.
- ✓ 3. Historical Potsdam Agreement.
4. The documents relating to the Transfer of Power by the British to India as referred, to by Leonard Mosley in his book "Last Days of British Raj" and by Maulana Azad in "India Wins Freedom".
5. Secret H.Q. Main File No. 10-Misc. INA.273. INA. Subj-Subhas Chandra Bose.
6. 30 Pages pertaining to Late Maulana Azad's 'India Wins Freedom' now kept in the National Archives.
7. C.I.C.B., H.G., SACSEA (Intelligence Division) Report.
- ✓ 8. German Military Intelligence - A book published by the German Military Dept.
9. Papers and Documents submitted at the Tokyo War Tribunal.
- ✓ 10. 'INTERPRESS' - A Military Magazine published in West Germany in the year 1949 on Netaji Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.
11. Documents related to Red Fort Trial, 1945, 1946.
- ✓ 12. Minutes relating to the ratification of the list of the War Criminals as made by the U.N.O. in year 1971, in which India was a party.

2. Documents Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 11 should be available with the Government of India and so the Mission is not called upon to look into their availability. However, you are requested to give detailed and exact replies on the availability of other documents pertaining to your country as soon as possible.

ES(P) *24/4/72*
please make necessary inquiries urgent
28/4
Yours ever,
Secretary
Ministry.

1. Embassy of India, Washington.
2. Embassy of India, Moscow.
- ✓ 3. Embassy of India, Bonn.
4. Embassy of India, Tokyo.
5. High Commission of India, London.

Miss D.G.Keswani,
Asstt. Director of Archives.



By Diplomatic Bag

No.F.10-10/70-R.4. (7)

राष्ट्रीय अभिलेखागार, भारत

जनपथ, नई दिल्ली-१

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA

JANPATH, NEW DELHI-1

Dated the..... 8 NOV 1971.....196 .

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*This settles this case.
Please file.*

Dear Shri Bhalla,

18.11.71
Thank you very much for your letter of the 11th October 1971 regarding the microfilming of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose papers available among the records of the German Foreign Ministry Archives.

As suggested by you, I am writing to Prof. Amia Bose to send us, on loan, the microfilms of the Netaji Subhas Bose papers, acquired by him ~~for~~ from the German Foreign Ministry Archives, for preparing microfilming copies in this Department.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Keswani

(Miss D.G.Keswani)

Shri H.D.Bhalla,
First Secretary(Political),
Embassy of India,
Bonn

H. D. Bhalla
First Secretary (Political)

(8)

No.Sec.47/61

11 October 1971

Dear Miss Keswani,

I am grateful to you for your kind letter of 15 September, 1971, and apologise for the delay in our reply. Your proposal, only to pay for the micro-filming copies of papers accords exactly with my first idea. However, as I wrote to the Ministry of Education in my letter No.SEC.47/61 dated 29.9.70, it had emerged during my discussions with the Head of Archives Division here that all the documents unearthed by Shri Amiya Bose were not available in one file or so and it was necessary for a scholar to go through the archives once more for three or four weeks. Hence, our proposal.

2. In case, you are interested only in the material unearthed by Shri Bose, I would suggest that you arrange to microfilm the material already available with Shri Bose. I may add that according to our files both the Ministry of External Affairs as well as this Embassy had helped Shri Bose to get this material and I presume he would be glad to share the material with you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(H. D. Bhalla)

Miss D.G. Keswani,
Asst. Director of Archives,
National Archives of India,
Janpat,
New Delhi-1

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No.F.10-10/70-R.4
Government of India,
National Archives of India,
Janpath,
New Delhi-1, the

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15 SEP 1971

Dear Mr. Bhalla,

Kindly refer to your correspondence with the Ministry of Education & Social Welfare resting with your letter No. Bon/Sec 47/61 dated 13th July 1971 regarding microfilms of material on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the archives of Foreign Office, Bonn.

I have discussed the matter with the Ministry of Education and am taking this opportunity to address you direct on the subject. I may mention here, that the National Archives of India is not in a position to agree to the employment of any scholar in Bonn to conduct research on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's papers, available in Foreign Office Archives, of Bonn. The search earlier made by Shri Amiya Nath Bose, a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, in the Foreign Office Archives in Germany, in 1961 was very exhaustive and it is doubtful if any fresh material would come to light if any Indian scholar is put on the job now. We would like to have a microfilm copy of the material already unearthed by Shri Amia Bose, i.e. about 2,000 exposures. photocopies or enlargements if required, would be made in this Department itself.

In view of the above, we are required to pay to the German Foreign Office, the cost of preparing microfilm copies of the papers which had been unearthed by Shri Bose in 1961. The expenditure, in that case, would also be less than DM. 1,000/as mentioned in your letter No. Sec/47/61 dated 29th September 1970.

The payment will be made by means of Unesco Book Coupons in f.e. These coupons are available in dollars and can be utilized for purchasing material of educational interest and are accepted all over the world. Recently we made payment in Unesco coupons to the Public Records Office, London for obtaining microfilms of some records from them. While making payments in Unesco coupons, we are required to see that only sufficient coupons are sent which are exactly equivalent in amount to the value of the goods purchased, plus postage and transportation charges etc. I shall,

P.T.O.



AIR MAIL

Shri H.D. Bhalla,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Adenauerallee, ²⁶²⁻¹⁴⁴ Bonn
West Germany

Miss D.G. Keswani,
Asstt. Director of Archives,
Government of India,
National Archives of India,
New Delhi-1,

therefore, be highly obliged, if you would kindly let us know the exact amount that we are required to pay.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Keswani

(D.G. Keswani)

Shri H.D. Bhalla,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Adenauerallee, ²⁶²⁻¹⁴⁴ Bonn

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**Mrs. M. Shalla,
First Secretary (Information).**

NO. BOM/151/ 332/6/69.

3rd August, 1971

**Subject:- Production of a documentary film
on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.**

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to our letter of even number dated the 29th July, 1970 in response to your letter No. IS-3129/100/69, dated the 22nd April, 1970. We are glad to inform you that the Hamburg TV network have completed their film on the life of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. At our request they have very kindly agreed to give us one copy for our archives, free of cost.

2. This copy has been received by us today and it is in 16 mm in colour. We are making arrangements to send it by bag.

3. This film has been shown by the Bonn branch of Indo-German Society and was also screened by the regional TV network in the month of June and received very appreciable comments.

Yours ever,

ISI

**Ministry of External Affairs,
(IP Div. - IS Section),
New Delhi.**

**Copy for information to Shri Virendra B. Vyas, Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New Delhi.**

**(Mrs. M. Shalla)
First Secretary (Information).**

(11)

H. D. Bhalla
First Secretary

No.BON/SEC.47/61

13 July 1971

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.F.7-13/70-CAI(2) dated 3 June 1971, regarding material on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. According to this Embassy's proposal conveyed in letter of even number dated 29th September, 1970, payment was required to be made to an Indian scholar as well as either directly to Foreign Office here or to photographers, etc. who will make the micro-film. We do not know whether UNESCO coupons are encashable like Traveller's Cheques or Bank Drafts. If not, it would be rather embarrassing to offer to pay on behalf of Government of India in unusual terms. We shall, therefore, be grateful for advice in the matter, preferably for your sanction to pay in foreign exchange.

Yours ever,

Ministry of Education & Social Welfare,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI

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शिक्षा मंत्रालय
भारत
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION &
~~XXXX~~
SOCIAL WELFARE,

No.F.7-13/70-CAI(2)

3rd June, 1971.

Dear Embassy,

Kindly refer to your letter No.SEC/47/61 dated the 29th September, 1970 regarding microfilms of material on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Archives of Foreign Office, Bonn.

The National Archives of India is prepared to make the payment of Rs.4500/- to the Government of Federal Republic of Germany by means of UNESCO Coupons in foreign exchange available with them. It is therefore, requested that the matter may please be pursued further and if the payment in UNESCO Coupons is acceptable the despatch of the microfilms may please be got expedited.

Yours ever

[Signature]

Embassy of India,
Bonn.

(Chm 14.6.71)
FSP
This is rather peculiar
Please put up on file
18.6.71
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PRIORITY

No. SEC/47/61

29.9.1970

Subject: Archives of Foreign Office, Bonn
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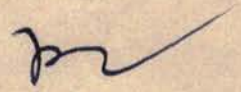
Dear Ministry,

Kindly refer to the correspondence on the above subject resting with our letter of even number dated 13th August, 1970. Since then we have received a formal reply from the Foreign Office, a copy of which is attached herewith.

2. The matter has been further discussed with the Head of the Archives Division here and some other concerned officials in the Foreign Ministry. It has been ascertained from them that the scrutiny of the archives on Netaji will require study by an official or scholar, who knows both German and English, over a period of three to four weeks. They informed that one Indian scholar Mr. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Passport No. I-483620, ~~whose address in Bonn is 53 Humboldt Strasse~~, is at present working on some other subject in the archives of the Foreign Office. It was suggested that in case we are not able to find any other person, perhaps Mr. Sharma could undertake this assignment.

3. With the approval of our Ambassador here, we have spoken to Shri Sharma, who was a student of History in Colonel Brown School in Dehra Dun and is now working for his doctorate here. Shri Sharma has agreed to undertake the task and complete it working half the day everyday over a period of two months with an honorarium of DM 1000. We have suggested to Shri Sharma that he should make a catalogue of the more important documents and select those requiring photo copying and micro-filming. Shri Sharma is of the view that it would be desirable to have both micro-films as well as photo copies of the documents, as photo copies could be used by the scholars and the micro-films could be kept by the National Archives. On a rough estimate, the cost of photo copies and micro-films will be about DM 1000/- (DM 0.488 = Re.1/-). It is, therefore, requested that we may please be given sanction for an expenditure of about Rs.4500/- in Deutsche Marks. After receiving your sanction, we will ask Shri Sharma to go ahead with the work in consultation with the local authorities and the results of the work done will be sent to you.

Yours ever



Ministry of Education,
New Delhi.

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AA (Foreign Office)

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Verbal Note

The Foreign Office has the honour to confirm reception of the verbal note of the 13th August, 1970 (No. SEC/47/61) with the Indian National Archive's request for documentary records concerning Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The Political Archives of the Foreign Office contain some letters from Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose to the Foreign Office, as well as further documentary material concerning his stay and activities in Germany. All the documentary materials belong to the documentary holdings of the Political Section of the former Foreign Office and are not able to be disposed of because of the agreement reached between the former custodians and the Federal Government upon their return. It is, however, possible for these documentary materials to be photocopied or microfilmed.

The examination of the relevant documents would have to be carried out by a member of the Indian Embassy or by an Indian scholar living in Germany.

In this connection the Foreign Office would like to mention that in 1961 Shri Amiya Nath Bose, a nephew of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, had about 2,000 microfilm exposures of the relevant material taken for the Netaji Research Bureau.

The Foreign Office takes this occasion to ensure the Indian Embassy again of its esteemed respects.

Bonn, 17th August, 1970

To the
Indian Embassy

M. Underdown
28.8.1970

V e r b a l n o t e

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F.S. (P)
Pl. translate
in full
Mr. Underdown

Das Auswärtige Amt beehrt sich, der Indischen Botschaft den Empfang der Verbalnote vom 13. August 1970 (Nr. SEC/47/61) die Anfrage des Indischen Nationalarchivs nach Aktenmaterial über Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose betreffend zu bestätigen.

Im Politischen Archiv des Auswärtigen Amts befinden sich einige Briefe Netaji Subhash Chandra Boses an das Auswärtige Amt sowie auch weiteres Aktenmaterial über seinen Aufenthalt und seine Tätigkeit in Deutschland. Sämtliche Aktenstücke gehören zum Bestand der Akten der Politischen Abteilung des ehemaligen Auswärtigen Amts und können schon mit Rücksicht auf die zwischen den ehemaligen Gewährsamsmächten und der Bundesregierung bei der Rückgabe der Akten getroffenen Verabredungen nicht veräußert werden. Es besteht jedoch die Möglichkeit, von diesen Aktenstücken Photokopien oder Mikrofilme anfertigen zu lassen.

Die Sichtung des in Frage kommenden Aktenmaterials müßte durch einen Angehörigen der Indischen Botschaft oder durch einen in Deutschland lebenden indischen Wissenschaftler vorgenommen werden.

In diesem Zusammenhang weist das Auswärtige Amt daraufhin, daß im Jahre 1961 Herr Shri Amiya Nath Bose, ein Neffe des Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, von dem einschlägigen Aktenmaterial einen Mikrofilm im Umfange von ca. 2000 Aufnahmen für das Netaji Research Bureau hat herstellen lassen.

Das Auswärtige Amt benutzt diesen Anlaß, die Indische Botschaft erneut seiner ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, den 17. August 1970

An die
Indische Botschaft



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V e r b a l n o t e

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Im Politischen Archiv des Auswärtigen Amts befinden sich einige Briefe Netaji Subhash Chandra Boses an das Auswärtige Amt sowie auch weiteres Aktenmaterial über seinen Aufenthalt und seine Tätigkeit in Deutschland. Sämtliche Aktenstücke gehören zum Bestand der Akten der Politischen Abteilung des ehemaligen Auswärtigen Amts und können schon mit Rücksicht auf die zwischen den ehemaligen Gewährsamsmächten und der Bundesregierung bei der Rückgabe der Akten getroffenen Verabredungen nicht veräußert werden. Es besteht jedoch die Möglichkeit, von diesen Aktenstücken Photokopien oder Mikrofilme anfertigen zu lassen.

Die Sichtung des in Frage kommenden Aktenmaterials müßte durch einen Angehörigen der Indischen Botschaft oder durch einen in Deutschland lebenden indischen Wissenschaftler vorgenommen werden.

In diesem Zusammenhang weist das Auswärtige Amt daraufhin, daß im Jahre 1961 Herr Shri Amiya Nath Bose, ein Neffe des Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, von dem einschlägigen Aktenmaterial einen Mikrofilm im Umfange von ca. 2000 Aufnahmen für das Netaji Research Bureau hat herstellen lassen.

Das Auswärtige Amt benutzt diesen Anlaß, die Indische Botschaft erneut seiner ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, den 17. August 1970

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An die
Indische Botschaft

No.SEC/47/61

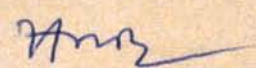
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Dear Ministry,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No.F.7-12/70-CAI-2 dated July 20, 1970, regarding material on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose available in the archives of West Germany.

We have handed over a note, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, to the Foreign Office here and will let you know their response as soon as it is available.

Yours ever



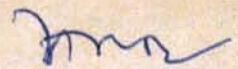
Ministry of Education,
New Delhi.

No. SEC/47/61

13th August, 1970

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Auswärtiges Amt of the Federal Republic of Germany and has the honour to state that the National Archives of India is interested in acquiring material on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose which is available in the archives of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Embassy of India will be grateful if this request of the National Archives of India could be considered. In case it is possible to meet this request only partially, then the rest of the archives could perhaps be supplied to the National Archives of India on micro-films, if desired, on payment. The estimate in this case may kindly be intimated.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Auswärtiges Amt of the Federal Republic of Germany the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Auswärtiges Amt,
Federal Republic of Germany,
BONN.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
INDIA

New Delhi
July 20, 1970.



Dear Embassy,

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May 'K'

Kindly refer to your letter No.SEC/47/61 dated the 15th May, 1970 regarding material on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose available in the Archives of West Germany.

2. The material is required to be kept in the National Archives of India for the benefit of the bonafide research scholars.

3. As it may not perhaps be possible to acquire the material in original, the National Archives of India will be interested in acquiring its microfilm copies. We shall feel grateful if you kindly let us know the amount of the expenditure in foreign exchange or otherwise which will be required for obtaining the microfilm copies.

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Bonn.

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No.SEC/47/61

15.5.1970

Dear Ministry,

Kindly refer to your letter No.D.2305/70-C.3 dated the 18th April, 1970.

2. Your information that materials regarding Netaji are available in the archives of West Germany is correct. Indeed it may be mentioned that in 1961 the nephew of Netaji, Shri Amiya Nath Bose, whose address then was 1, Woodburn Park, Calcutta 20, had come here to collect material for the Netaji Research Bureau. On recommendation of the Government of India, including this Embassy, Shri Bose was permitted by the West German Foreign Office access to relevant documents and was also able to get photostat copies. Micro-films of the documents were also made through a commercial firm on payment by the Netaji Research Bureau whose address according to our records is Netaji Bhawan, 38/2, Elgin Road, Calcutta-20. While we shall be glad to make enquiries regarding the particulars of the material available and whether it is possible for us to acquire this material from the concerned archive and the terms thereof, we would like to know for our information as to the purpose for which this request for acquisition of material is being made. On approach to the local authorities they will naturally want an answer to this question. We cannot be certain or even confident that they will agree to part with the material, but shall take up the matter with the Federal Foreign Office on getting more information from you. In case the Ministry is interested in obtaining micro-films of the documents then this Embassy may also be authorized to say that the Ministry of Education would be willing to pay for the cost involved.

Yours ever

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Ministry of Education and
Youth Services,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.



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शिक्षा मंत्रालय
भारत
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION &
YOUTH SERVICES INDIA**

SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-1

Dated the 18th April, 1970

Dear Embassy,

It has been brought to our notice that materials regarding Netaji are available in the Archives of West Germany, Italy, U.K. East Germany and Japan.

It is requested that the concerned authorities may be addressed in the matter and the following information furnished to this Ministry at an early date:-

- (i) Whether some material regarding Netaji is available in the Archives
- (ii) Full particulars of the material available and
- (iii) Whether it will be possible for the ~~Min~~ Embassy to acquire this material from the concerned archive and if so on what terms.

Embassy of India,
West Germany,
Bonn



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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU (27)

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

BY AIR MAIL

No: NRB-26/ 27 /61

November 28, 1961.

From: The General Secretary.

Dear Mr. Chakraborty,

I thank you very much for your letter of the 21st November, 1961. We have now received the package containing microfilms of documents relating to Netaji sent by Messrs. Foto-Belling. There was some unfortunate delay in clearing the package. The Custom authorities said that as there was no import license in respect of the microfilms, a certificate and authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India was essential. This took a few days. Secondly, the Custom authorities were insisting on charging duty although we made it clear to them that the goods were of no commercial value. Ultimately a small sum was charged as duty.

We have received 74 containers although the numbering goes upto 75. On checking I find that the container number 18 is missing. I am writing to Messrs. Foto-Belling about this. I have also received a bill showing that we owe them a balance of DM: 164.50. I shall arrange to remit this sum within the next few days.

As the material is in microfilms, checking of individual reproductions will necessarily take some time.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for all your help and cooperation in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sisir K. Bose.

Mr. S.P. Chakraborty,
Registrar,
Embassy of India,
262, Koblenzer Strasse,
Bonn, W. Germany.

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BY AIR MAIL

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Sec 47/61

21st November, 1961.

From: S.P. Chakraborty
Registrar

Dear Dr. Bose,

Kindly refer to my letter of even number dated the 1st November, 1961, intimating despatch of the Photostat copies of the documents relating to the Netaji by Air India International on 31.10.61. I shall be grateful if you will kindly confirm the receipt of the documents.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

(S.P.Chakraborty)

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2 Elgin Road,
Calcutta-20.



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Dear Mr. Damodaran,

With reference to my letter of 1st August 1961 - 177/80-03/1/2133/61 - I have pleasure in informing you that M/s. Foto Belling, Bonn, Poststr.30, have completed the micro-film copies of dossiers of the Political Archive of the Foreign Office pertaining to Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian Freedom Movement which have been prepared at the request of the Netaji Research Bureau. The above firm will submit the material to the Embassy of India with the request that it be forwarded to the receiving party in India.

I am supporting this request on behalf of the Foreign Office. Thanking you for your kind assistance in this matter, I am,

Yours faithfully,

sd./ Ullrich

(E.D.B.)

conveyed, over the phone,
F.S.'s cordial thanks
for all help & kind assistance
rendered us in the subject matter.
31/10, EDB

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AUSWÄRTIGES AMT

117/80-03/1/2917/61

Bonn, den 26. Oktober 1961

Sehr geehrter Herr Damodaran!

Im Anschluß an mein Schreiben vom 1. August ds.Js. - 117/80-03/1/2133/61 - darf ich Ihnen mitteilen, daß die Firma Foto Belling, Bonn, Poststraße 30, die für das Netaji Research Bureau bestimmten Mikrofilme aus den Akten des Politischen Archivs des Auswärtigen Amtes betreffend Subhas Chandra Bose und die indische Freiheitsbewegung nunmehr fertiggestellt hat und der Indischen Botschaft mit der Bitte um Weiterleitung an den Empfänger übersenden wird.

Indem ich diese Bitte namens des Auswärtigen Amtes unterstützen möchte, darf ich Ihnen für Ihre liebenswürdige Mühewaltung meinen verbindlichsten Dank sagen.

Mit ausgezeichnete Hochachtung

Ihr sehr ergebener
Lechner

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From: S. P. Chakraborty -
Registrar.

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1st Nov. 1961

Dear Dr. Bose,

Please refer to your letter of 27th September, 1961 regarding photographing of the documents relating to the Netaji to M/S Fotobelling, Bonn with a copy to Shri A.K. Damodaran, First Secretary, in this Embassy. As Shri Damodaran is on leave now I am writing this letter to you.

We received from the above firm on 25th October, 1961 a packet containing the photostat copies of the documents and the same was sent as air-freight to-pay by A I Ion 31.10.61. A copy of the Air Waybill No. 098-585976 dated 31.10.61 is enclosed. We shall be grateful if you will kindly arrange to collect the packet from the AII office in Calcutta. The final bill of the firm will be sent to you on receipt.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S.P. Chakraborty)

Dr, Sisir Kumar Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta - 20

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1. Botschaftssekretär
Herrn Damodaran
Indische Botschaft
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Sehr verehrter Herr Damodaran!

Nach Rücksprache mit einer Dame Ihrer Botschaft erlauben wir uns, Ihnen die Sendung, Aufnahmen aus dem Politischen Archiv des Auswärtigen Amtes, Bonn, für Mister Bhawan, zur Beförderung auf kürzestem Wege zu übergeben.

Wir bedanken uns für Ihre freundliche Hilfe.

Mit besonderer Hochachtung!

Belling

Dear Mr. Damodaran,

With reference to a tele-conversation with a lady of your Embassy I take the liberty to send you herewith photostats of material from the Political Archives of the Foreign Office for Mr. Bhawan and request that the material be sent to the latter speedily.

Thanking you for your kind assistance,

Yours faithfully
sd./Belling



NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20

Telephone: 47-3745

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AIR MAIL

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September 27, 1961.

Messrs. Foto-Belling,
Poststrasse 30,
Bonn,
West Germany.

Dear Sirs,

I have today instructed our Bank to remit to you the equivalent in German marks of Rs. 500/- only being part payment towards photographing documents related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Archives of the German Foreign Office. I expect that the Indian Embassy and ~~of~~ the German Foreign Office have already been in touch with you in this connexion. I have to request you to please try to complete the work as early as possible.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Yours faithfully,

Sisir K. Bose,
General Secretary.

Copy to: Shri A.K. Damodaran
Embassy of India
262, Koblenzer Strasse
Bonn, West Germany.

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BY AIRMAIL

No. SEC 47/61

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September 21, 1961.

Dear Dr. Bose, S/29

I am extremely grateful to you for your letter of the 18th September, 1961. The firm is willing to start on the work immediately the money is received. There might be a little further delay for the Foreign Office to arrange for the archives to be released but we will try to reduce this to the minimum.

I suggest, therefore, that you arrange for the remittance of Rs. 500 as part payment for photographing the archives connected with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the German Foreign Office to Messrs Foto-Belling, Poststrasse 30, Bonn. In your letter to them you can mention the fact that both the Embassy and the German Foreign Office are already in contact with them on the subject. You could also send us a copy of the letter that you write to the firm. We would then immediately take further action on the subject.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



(A.K. Damodaran)

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
CALCUTTA-20

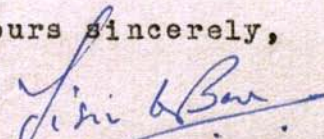
**NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU****NETAJI BHAWAN****38/2, ELGIN ROAD, CALCUTTA-20**S/M
September 18, 1961.S/P
Dear Shri Damodaran,

I thank you very much for your letter No. Sec 47/61 dated September 4, 1961, in connexion with photographing of documents at the German Foreign Office. As Mr. Amiya Nath Bose informed you by his letter of August 21, 1961, and his telegram of August 22, 1961, we are in a position to make immediate remittance on this account to the firm you have mentioned. For the present we have the permission of the Reserve Bank of India to remit of a sum of Rs. 1,000/- and this remittance has to be made not later than November next. I note from your letter to Mr. Amiya Nath Bose of August 7, 1961 that the total expenditure will be below Rs. 1,000/-.

I hope you will kindly try to expedite the matter with the firm in question. If you so desire, I shall arrange to remit Rs. 500/- immediately to the firm being part payment of the cost before they start work. Please advise me in this regard at your earliest convenience.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for the trouble you have been taking on our behalf.

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose
General Secretary

Shri A.K. Damodaran,
Embassy of India,
262, Koblenzer Strasse
BONN,
West Germany.

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The contents of the Note Verbal of the Foreign Office regarding archives on Netaji were brought to the notice of the Ambassador. As discussed ~~today~~. I called on Dr. Sasse, Head of the Archives Division and his deputy as well as on the Deputy Librarian of the Foreign Office, Herr Rasmussen.

2. It has been ascertained from them that the scrutiny of the archives on Netaji will require study by an official or scholar, who knows both German and English, over a period of three to four weeks. They informed that one Indian scholar Mr. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Passport No. I-483620, whose address in Bonn is 53 Humboldt Strasse, is at present working on some other subject in the archives of the Foreign Office. It was suggested that in case we are not able to find any other person, perhaps Mr. Sharma could undertake this assignment. I intend to talk to Shri Sharma and find out his terms for undertaking this task.

3. I have also ascertained that micro-filming of one page will cost approximately Pfs. 25. On the last occasion, Netaji's nephew, Mr. A.N. Bose, had taken about two thousand exposures. The cost of micro-filming would roughly be DM 500,- and the emoluments of Shri Sharma may be based at DM 1000/- for a month. After the latter has been determined, we shall inform the Ministry of Education and get their approval before undertaking the task.

4. I also learn that in the Bonn University Library there are several reviews on Netaji's work, among others by Prof. Wehnich and Dr. Lohse. I also came across a publication entitled 'Netaji in Germany' which is written by N.G. Ganpuley. This is a publication of Bharitya Vidhya

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Bhavan, /Bombay. I think after TS(P) has finished his language examination, he could also take some interest in this matter and look through some of the more important documents. Photostat copies of some of these documents should be kept by us also as for several years to come Netaji's work in Germany will continue to interest this Embassy and our country.

Ambassador may please see.

H. D. Bhalla
(H.D. Bhalla)
24.9.1970

Ambassador

I agree to the suggestion in paras 2 and 3.
Before undertaking the task the expenditure should be worked out and the approval of our Dy. Secy. should be obtained.

2. I doubt if there is any need of photostat copies for our Division. This is now largely a matter of historical research and microfilm should be used to submit in India.

K. Ghosh
25.9.70

(S/P)
Shri. Sharma called today & we discussed this question. He is agreeable to undertake this work. Please write letter to D/O of Education.

H. D. Bhalla
I have informed the Dy. Secy. 29.9.70 about the present position.
H. D. Bhalla
7.10.70

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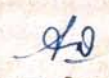
September 4, 1961.

Dear Shri Bose,

Please refer to Shri Amiya Nath Bose's letter of the 21st August, 1961. The Foreign Office had promised us to give facilities for photographing of the archives in August because they have other commitments later in the year. Since the remittance was not received in the month of August, we were not able to take advantage of the offer. We are again contacting them and finding out when it will be possible for them to arrange the photographing. I shall definitely let you know when we know the next possible dates. It is only after the dates have been fixed and the firm agree to undertake the work during those dates that the remittance has to be sent to the firm direct.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(A.K. Damodaran)

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
Secretary, Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2 Elgin Road,
Calcutta-20

Tel: 47-2248

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1, WOODBURN PARK,
CALCUTTA, 20.
August 21, 1961.
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Dear Shri Damodaran,

Thank you for your letter No. Sec.47/61 dated the 7th of August, 1961.

We are glad to know that Messrs. Foto-Belling of Bonn have agreed to prepare photocopies of the documents for the Netaji Research Bureau. Will you please ask the firm to prepare an invoice in respect of the part payment of the cost? You may kindly forward the invoice to the Secretary of the - Netaji Research Bureau. As soon as the invoice is received, we shall submit it to the Reserve Bank of India and arrange for the remittance.

As I may be away from Calcutta for some time, I shall be thankful if you will kindly communicate with the Secretary of the Netaji Research Bureau. His address is :

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,
Secretary, Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Elgin Road,
Calcutta-20.

Kindly also mention if the remittance should be sent directly to the firm or to any nominee of the Embassy.

Yours sincerely,

Amiya Nath Bose

(Amiya Nath Bose)

Shri A.K. Damodaran,
Embassy of India,
262, Koblenzer Strasse,
Bonn,
West Germany.

P.S. I have just sent the following reply to your telegram received this morning:
"Can make immediate remittance to firm mentioned in your letter."
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Amiya Nath Bose
1 Woodburn Park
Calcutta

Foreign office requests completion
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21/8/61

No. Sec 47/61

August 7, 1961.

Dear Shri Bose,

Please refer to my letter No. S/P/10/60, dated the 8th June, 1961. The Foreign Office has now informed us that their own commitments might make it difficult for them to prepare copies of the documents selected by you immediately. They have, therefore, suggested that the work be undertaken by Messrs Foto-Belling, Poststr. 30, Bonn. We have got into touch with that firm and they have assured us that they would be able to undertake the work immediately on receipt of your order which you may kindly address to them. They estimate that each copy might cost about DM 0-25 and since the total number of documents is about 3,000, the total expenditure might be below Rs. 1,000. They have also expressed a desire to have a remittance from you towards part payment of the cost before they start your work. I will process the case on hearing from you. You can, of course, deal with the firm through us.

Yours sincerely,

A. K. Damodaran

(A.K. Damodaran)

Shri Amiya Nath Bose,
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta 20

AUSWÄRTIGES AMT

117/80-03/1/2133/61

Bonn, den 1. August 1961

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Sehr geehrter Herr Damodaran!

Wie Ihnen bekannt ist, hat Herr Amiya Nath Bose nach Einsichtnahme in die im Politischen Archiv vorhandenen Akten betr. Subhas Chandra Bose und die indische Freiheitsbewegung, den Antrag gestellt, diese Akten - es handelt sich um ungefähr 2 bis 3.000 Blatt - fotokopieren zu lassen. Mit Rücksicht auf die große Belastung der Fotokopierstelle des Auswärtigen Amts wäre eine Durchführung dieses Auftrages erst in vier Monaten möglich. Im Interesse des Herrn Amiya Nath Bose darf ich deshalb vorschlagen, die Firma Foto-Belling, Bonn, Poststraße 30 (Telefon 3 33 65) damit schriftlich zu beauftragen, diese Fotokopierung oder Verfilmung des Aktenmaterials in der Zeit vom 7. bis 10. August d. J. durchzuführen. Nach fernmündlicher Mitteilung ist die Firma bereit, den Auftrag anzunehmen.

Ich darf Ihnen anheimstellen, das Erforderliche bald in die Wege leiten zu lassen.

Mit ausgezeichneter Hochachtung

*Ihr sehr ergebener**Ullrich*

(Dr. Ullrich)

Vortragender Legationsrat I. Kl.
Leiter des Politischen Archivs
und Historischen Referats

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Bonn, 1st August 1961

Dear Mr. Damodaran,

As you know, Mr. Amiya Nath Bose was allowed access to the Political Archive, i.e. material available about Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian Freedom Movement. He requested that photostats of this material - approx. 2 to 3 thousand pages - be made. In view of the great volume of work ^{with} which the photostat laboratory of the Foreign Office is engaged at present the above request could be taken up in about four months' time only. Hence I may suggest, in the interest of Mr. Amiya Nath Bose, that a written order regarding the work be placed with M/s. Foto-Belling, Bonn, Poststr. 30 (Phone: 3 33 65), requesting the latter that photostats and/or films of the file material be prepared during the period from 7th to 10th August. Upon an inquiry made over the phone the above firm informed us that they would be prepared to accept the order.

I may suggest that the necessary steps be taken from your side at your earliest convenience.

(E.D.B.)

Yours faithfully,

sd./ Dr. Ullrich
Vortragender Legationsrat I. Kl.,
Leiter des Politischen Archivs
und Historischen Referats

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V e r b a l n o t e

Das Auswärtige Amt beehrt sich, der Indischen Botschaft den Empfang der Verbalnote vom 21. Juli 1961 - Nr. 47/61 - zu bestätigen. Zur gegebenen Zeit darf es einer weiteren Mitteilung über die Wünsche von Herrn Goswami ergebenst entgegensehen.

Das Auswärtige Amt benutzt auch diesen Anlaß, die Indische Botschaft erneut seiner ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, den 26. Juli 1961



An die
Indische Botschaft

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No. 47/61

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The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Foreign Office and has the honour to say that the information contained in their Verbal Note No. 117/80-03/1/1669/61, dated the 28th June, 1961, has been conveyed to Mr. A. Goswami who is leaving for India towards the end of this month and expects to visit Bonn for a week in September. As soon as something definite is known about his programme, the Embassy of India will communicate with the Foreign Office.

The Embassy of India takes this opportunity to renew to the Foreign Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bonn, 21st July, 1961.

Ho

The Foreign Office,
Bonn



Nr. 47/61

Die Indische Botschaft beschränkt sich, dem Auswärtigen Amt mitzuteilen, dass Mr. A. Goswami von dem Inhalt der Verbalnote des Auswärtigen Amts Nr. 117/80-93/1/1669/61, vom 23. Juni 1961, informiert worden ist. Mr. Goswami kehrt Ende dieses Monats nach Indien zurück und wird sich voraussichtlich im September in Bonn aufhalten. Sobald der Indischen Botschaft genaueres über sein Programm bekannt ist, wird sie das Auswärtige Amt entsprechend unterrichten.

Die Indische Botschaft benutzt auch diesen Anlass, das Auswärtige Amt erneut ihrer ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, 21. Juli 1961

JS

Auswärtiges Amt
Bonn



(E.D.B.)



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(47)
INDIA HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

12th July, 1961.

Dear Chancery,

Please refer to your letter No.
S/P/10/60, dated 7th July, 1961, regarding
the visit of Shri A. Goswami.

We have conveyed the information,
as requested by you, to Shri Goswami. He is
leaving for India at the end of this month
and expects to visit Bonn for a week in
September. He has also promised to let you
have his definite programme.

Yours ever,



The Embassy of India,
262, Koblenzerstrasse,
BONN

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BY AIR MAIL

No.S/P/10/60.

7th July, 1961.

Dear High Commission,

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Please refer to the correspondence resting with the Deputy High Commissioner's letter No.168(0)-DHC/61 dated 25th May 1961, regarding the visit of Shri A.Goswami to Germany in connection with collection of material on the activities of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. The German Foreign Office have very kindly agreed to allow Shri A.Goswami to have access to the same files which were studied by Shri Amiya Nath Bose in April 1961 and they are now looking forward to the former's visit to their Political Archives. We have also been informed that the Political Archives will remain closed during the holiday months of July and August 1961.

3. Owing to pressure of work in the Political Archives, the German Foreign Office have asked for information regarding Shri A.Goswami's visit to Germany as well as the length of time envisaged by him to study the relevant documents. We shall, therefore, be grateful if Shri Goswami is informed accordingly and the requisite information obtained from him and communicated to us at an early date.

Yours ever

**The High Commission of India,
India House, Aldwych,**

London W.C.2

AUSWAERTIGES AMT

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V e r b a l N o t e

The Foreign Office presents its compliments to the Embassy of India and with reference to the latter's Verbal Note Nr.S/P/10/60, dated 8th June 1961, has the honour to inform that it is looking forward to Mr. A. Goswami's visit to the Political Archive of the Foreign Office.

Attention may, however, be drawn to the fact that the Political Archive will be closed during the holiday months July and August 1961. Owing to pressure of work in the Archive the Foreign Office would be grateful if information regarding Mr.A.Goswami's visit to the Archive as well as the length of time envisaged by him for his studies of documents could be obtained at an early date. Mr.A.Goswami could be allowed access to the same files which Mr.Amiya Nath Bose studied in April this year.

The Foreign Office avails of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of India the assurance of its highest considerations.

Bonn, 28th June 1961

(stamp)

To:
Embassy of India
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V e r b a l n o t e

Das Auswärtige Amt beehrt sich, der Indischen Botschaft den Empfang ihrer Verbalnote vom 8. Juni 1961 - Nr. S/P/10/60 - mit verbindlichem Dank zu bestätigen und mitzuteilen, daß dem in Aussicht gestellten Besuch von Herrn A. Goswami im Politischen Archiv des Auswärtigen Amts gern entgegengesehen wird.

Es darf jedoch vorsorglich darauf aufmerksam gemacht werden, daß das Politische Archiv in den Urlaubsmonaten Juli und August 1961 geschlossen ist. Wegen der starken Inanspruchnahme des Archivs, wäre das Auswärtige Amt für eine möglichst frühzeitige Mitteilung dankbar, wann Herr A. Goswami sein Aktenstudium aufzunehmen gedenkt und wie lange er im Politischen Archiv zu arbeiten beabsichtigt. Herrn A. Goswami könnten die gleichen Akten vorgelegt werden, die Herr Amiya Nath Bose im April d. J. benutzt hat.

Das Auswärtige Amt benutzt auch diesen Anlass, die Indische Botschaft erneut seiner ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, den 28. Juni 1961



An die
Indische Botschaft

B o n n

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No.S/P/10/60

8th June, 1961.

Dear Shri Bose,

Thank you for your letter of 29th May 1961 and the sentiments expressed therein.

2. The German Foreign Office in their Verbal Note of the 23rd May have informed us that the preparation of all photostats of such material as pertains to Netaji and the Indian Freedom Movement and which is kept on their file in the Political Archive is likely to be accomplished within a few weeks' time. As desired by you, we are requesting the Foreign Office to make out a bill in the name of the Netaji Research Bureau. As soon as we hear something again on the subject, I shall inform you accordingly.

Yours sincerely,


(A.K. Damodaran)

Shri Amiya Nath Bose,
1, Woodburn Park,

Calcutta 20

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S/16.

No.S/P/10/60

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Foreign Office and has the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of latter's Verbal Note No.117/80-03/1/1232/61 of the 23rd May 1961 regarding preparation of photostats for the Netaji Research Bureau. For the sake of convenience and to ensure prompt payment through the Reserve Bank of India, it would be appreciated if the bill for the photostats is prepared in the name of the "Netaji Research Bureau".

The Embassy of India also takes this opportunity to state that Shri A. Goswami who is carrying out research into the activities of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and proposes to write a book on Netaji is expected to visit Germany in the very near future. The Government of India would be grateful to the Government of the Federal Republic if facilities are accorded to Shri A.Goswami to have access to relevant records in the archives of the Federal Government. The programme of his visit to Germany will be communicated to the Foreign Office in due course.

The Embassy of India takes this opportunity to renew to the Foreign Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bonn, the 8th June, 1961.

AO

The Foreign Office,

Bonn.

(Uebersetzung)

Nr.S/P/10/60

Die indische Botschaft beehrt sich, dem Auswaertigen Amt dankend den Eingang seiner Verbalnote Nr.117/80-03/1/1232/61, vom 23. Mai 1961, ueber die Anfertigung von Fotokopien fuer das Netaji Forschungsbuero zu bestaetigen. Sachlichkeithalber und um prompte Zahlung ueber die Reserve Bank von Indien sicherzustellen, wird empfohlen, dass die Rechnung fuer die Fotokopien auf den Namen "Netaji Research Bureau" ausgestellt wird.

Gleichzeitig benutzt die indische Botschaft diesen Anlass, dem Auswaertigen Amt mitzuteilen, dass Herr A. Goswami, der sich mit Forschungsarbeiten ueber die Taetigkeit Netaji Subhas Chandra Boses beschaeftigt und ein Buch ueber Netaji zu schreiben beabsichtigt, in Kuerze Deutschland besuchen wird. Die indische Regierung waere der deutschen Bundesregierung dankbar, wenn Herrn A. Goswami die Moeglichkeit eingeraeumt wuerde, diesbezugliches Aktenmaterial im Archiv der deutschen Bundesregierung einzusehen. Das Programm seines Deutschlandbesuchs wird dem Auswaertigen Amt zu gegebener Zeit bekanntgegeben werden.

Die indische Botschaft benutzt auch diesen Anlass, das Auswaertige Amt erneut ihrer ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, 8. Juni 1961

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Auswaertiges Amt

B o n n

(E.D.B.)

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Tel: 47-2248

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1, WOODBURN PARK,
CALCUTTA, 20.

May 29, 1961.

Dear Mr. Damodaran,

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Your letter of the 18th instant reached my hands on the 27th. I returned to Calcutta on the 23rd of this month.

As I have already told you, the Netaji Research -- Bureau has got a permit from the Reserve Bank of India to remit Rs.1,000/- to West Germany. This amount will substantially -- cover the cost of photocopies which will be supplied by the -- German Foreign Office. If a further sum is required in addition to this sum of Rs.1,000/-, I do not think we shall have any -- difficulty in obtaining an additional permit from the Reserve Bank of India.

I would like to know when you are expecting to -- receive the photocopies from the German Foreign Office. It will be convenient if the German Foreign Office would make out a bill in the name of the Netaji Research Bureau. We shall -- submit the bill to the Reserve Bank of India at the time of -- making the remittance.

May I thank you most sincerely for the assistance you gave me during my stay in Bonn?

I hope to meet Panditji sometime next month when I shall report to him in detail about the work that has been -- done in Europe.

Yours sincerely,

Amiya Nath Bose

(Amiya Nath Bose)

Shri A.K. Damodaran,
Embassy of India,
262, Koblenzer Strasse,
Bonn,
West Germany.

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V e r b a l N o t e

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The Foreign Office presents its compliments to the Embassy of India and has the honour to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the latter's Verbal Note No. S/P/10/60, dtd. 21st April 1961. The Foreign Office agrees to have photostats made for the Netaji Research Bureau of such ~~fix~~ material as pertains to Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian Freedom Movement and which is kept on file in the Political Archive of the Foreign Office. This will be done on conditions stipulated in the Verbal Note referred to above. Upon careful consideration of the technical side of the matter it may be stated that the preparation of all photostats in question is likely to be accomplished within a few weeks' time.

The Foreign Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of India the assurance of its highest consideration.

Bonn, 23rd May 1961

(stamp)

To:

Embassy of India

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AUSWÄRTIGES AMT

117/80-03/1/1232/61

V e r b a l n o t e

Das Auswärtige Amt beehrt sich, der Indischen Botschaft den Empfang der Verbalnote vom 21. April 1961 - Nr. S/P/10/60 - mit verbindlichem Dank zu bestätigen. Das Auswärtige Amt ist gern bereit, zu den in der Verbalnote genannten Bedingungen für das Netaji Forschungsbüro Fotokopien der in seinem Politischen Archiv befindlichen, sich auf Subhas Chandra Bose und die indische Freiheitsbewegung beziehenden Aktenstücke herstellen zu lassen. Nach Überprüfung der hierfür gegebenen technischen Möglichkeiten darf mitgeteilt werden, daß die beabsichtigte Anfertigung von Fotokopien voraussichtlich im Laufe von einigen Wochen bewerkstelligt werden kann.

Das Auswärtige Amt benutzt auch diesen Anlaß, die Indische Botschaft erneut seiner ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, den 23. Mai 1961



An die
Indische Botschaft

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No.168(0)-DHC/61

INDIA HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

25th May 1961

My dear *Paen*,

Thank you for your D.O. letter No.S/P/10/60 dated 23rd May 1961 regarding A. Goswami. He is different from Amiya Nath Bose, and is carrying out research into the activities of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on independent lines. We would, therefore, request that facilities for him to have access to the Foreign Office records regarding Netaji may be procured, if possible.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

T.N. Kaul

(T.N. Kaul)

Shri P.A. Menon,
Ambassador of India,
BONN

*Let's send a preliminary note to F.O.
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Mr. Kharbanda.*

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BONN
May 23, 1961.

No. S/P/10/60

My dear Tikki,

S/11.

Please refer to your letter No.153(0)/DHC/61 of the 17th May 1961 about Shri A. Goswami.

2. We had a letter from Subimal Dutt last November about the plans of Shri Amiya Nath Bose to visit Germany to collect material bearing on the activities of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose during the last war. The German Foreign Office, at our request, permitted Shri Bose to have access to all their relevant records. We shall be glad to give him any further help necessary.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



(P. A. Menon)

Shri T.N. Kaul,
Deputy High Commissioner of India,
India House, Aldwych,
London, W.C.2.



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INDIA HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

153(0)/DHC/61

May 17, 1961.

My dear Pam,

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Prime Minister about Mr. A. Goswami. We approached the C.R.O. here, but they seem to be reluctant to give facilities or any access to outsiders to their records relating to the late ^{Shri} Subhas Chandra Bose. I understand, however, that there are some valuable records in the German Foreign Office who may be willing to show them to Mr. Goswami to enable him to complete his research on the subject. It is, therefore, requested that, if you have no objection, you may kindly approach the German Foreign Office, when Shri Goswami sees you, to allow him all possible facilities in the matter.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

T.N. Kaul

(T.N. Kaul)

Shri P.A. Menon,
Ambassador of India,
262 Koblenz Strasse,
Bonn

*Pl. let me have a
draft reply.*

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Personal

New Delhi
April 15, 1961

My dear Tikki,

Probably you have met A. Goswami who has been producing rather fine books on Indian art. He is now engaged in writing a book on Subhas Bose. He would like to have access to papers in the India Office Library or elsewhere in this connection. In so far as is possible, I hope you would help him in this matter.

Yours

(SD) JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

Shri T.N. Kaul,
Deputy High Commissioner of India,
India House, Aldwych,
LONDON W.C.2

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No. Sec/P/10/60

May 18, 1961.

Dear Mr. Bose,

We had written to the Ministry of External Affairs about the successful nature of your visit to Bonn. They were extremely happy to hear this.

2. They thought, however, that a further allocation of foreign exchange might be rather difficult since the original Rs. 4000 sanctioned to you was on the basis of your being a very special case. Therefore, any expenditure over the present foreign exchange sum sanctioned will have to be incurred only after very careful consideration.

3. Of course, if you again wish to apply for additional foreign exchange, the Ministry of Finance will be the proper authorities to decide.

Yours sincerely,


(A.K. Damodaran)

Shri Amiya Nath Bose,
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta 20

Shri Amiya Nath Bose,
c/o Mr. Mihir Chatterji
MUNICHEN 9
Oberbibergerstr. 30
b.- Huber.



T. Abraham,
Dy. Secretary (West)

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI.

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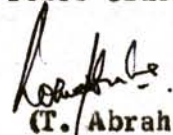
Dated, the 3rd May, 1961.

My dear Damodaran,

Please refer to your letter No. SEC/P/10/60 dated 24th April, 1961. We are glad that the Foreign Office has permitted Shri Bose to have access to some historical records which have a bearing on the activities of Netaji in Germany during the last war. We think that you might mention to Shri Bose that a further allocation of foreign exchange would be rather difficult since even the original 4000 sanctioned to him was on the basis of his being a special case. Therefore, any expenditure over the present foreign exchange sum sanctioned will have to be incurred only after careful consideration.

Of course, if Shri Bose again wishes to apply for additional foreign exchange, we shall have to leave the matter to the Ministry of Finance to decide.

Yours sincerely,


(T. Abraham)

Shri A.K. Damodaran,
Embassy of India,
262, Koblenzer Strasse,
Bonn.

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Press Section

No. SEC/P/10/60

April 24, 1961.

My dear

Please refer to Shri S.K. Banerji's d.o. letter No. 9206-JSW/60, dated the 9th December 1960, to the Counsellor about Shri Amiya Nath Bose's visit to West Germany for collecting material bearing on the activities of Netaji in Germany during the last war.

2. Shri Bose was here during the last week. The Foreign Office permitted him to have access to all relevant records and has also agreed to allow him to have photostat copies. These copies when made will be supplied to the Embassy to be forwarded to India.

3. Shri Bose informed us that the Netaji Research Bureau has already been provisionally permitted foreign exchange upto Rs. 1,000 for expenses in connection with the collection of the records in Germany. According to his own assessment the total number of relevant records in Bonn will be over 2,000 and the expenses for making copies might come to little over the sanctioned sum. If this is so, Shri Bose or his Organisation will be approaching the Government for the required additional foreign exchange.

4. It has been made clear to Shri Bose and the Foreign Office here that, while the Embassy will use its good offices in ensuring prompt payment, the actual transaction would be a matter between Shri Bose's organisation and the Archives Department of the Foreign Office.

5. In addition to being very generous with their assistance in the matter of giving him facilities for collecting the material, the Foreign Office also arranged a special lunch for Shri Bose. They were at pains to emphasise that it is the policy of the Federal Government to give complete access to all historical records to all research students and organisations of known antecedents. They, however, hope that Shri Bose and the organisation would use the material with discretion, particularly because these records related to an older period in German history which has no "significance" other than historical in contemporary affairs. Shri Bose assured us that he appreciated the point of view of the German Government and would use all documents with utmost discretion.

Yours sincerely,

(A.K. Damodaran)

Shri T. Abraham,
Deputy Secretary (W),
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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No. SEC/P/10/60

April 24, 1961.

My dear

Please refer to Shri S.K. Banerji's d.o. letter No. 9206-JSW/60, dated the 9th December 1960, to the Counsellor about Shri Amiya Nath Bose's visit to West Germany for collecting material bearing on the activities of Netaji in Germany during the last war.

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(A.K. Damodaran)

Shri T. Abraham,
Deputy Secretary (W),
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Nr.S/P/10/60

Die indische Botschaft beehrt sich, dem Auswaertigen Amt ihren Dank dafuer auszusprechen, dass es Herrn Amiya Nath Bose vom Indischen Nationalarmee-Komit  und Netaji Forschungsbuero die Moeglichkeit einger aumt hat, das ueber den verstorbenen Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose bei der Bundesrepublik vorhandene Archivmaterial einzusehen. Herr Bose hat den Wunsch, von allen Dokumenten, die O.Mazzetta, resp. Subhas Chandra Bose, und die Indische Nationalbewegung in Deutschland und Europa betreffen - aus der Zeit vom Jahr 1941 bis Kriegsende - Fotokopien zu erhalten. Alle Dokumente, die von Subhas Chandra Bose, oder ueber ihn und seine indische Freiheitsbewegung vorhanden sind, haben fuer die Forschungsarbeiten des Netaji Forschungsbueros und des Indischen Nationalarmee-Komit s einen ueberaus grossen Wert.

Alle durch die Anfertigung der gewuenschten Fotokopien entstehenden Kosten werden von Herrn Amiya Nath Bose im Auftrag des Netaji Forschungsbueros auf dem Bankwege aus Indien an eine vom Auswaertigen Amt zu bestimmende Stelle ueberwiesen werden. Die staendige Adresse von Herrn Bose in Indien lautet: Woodburn Park Nr.1, Calcutta 20.

Obgleich die Botschaft sich dafuer verwenden wird, dass die Zahlung prompt geleistet wird, wird sie diese Zahlung nicht direkt im Auftrag der vorgenannten Organisation vornehmen.

Es wird gebeten, die fertigen Fotokopien der Botschaft zur Weiterleitung nach Indien zukommen zu lassen.

Die Indische Botschaft benutzt auch diesen Anlass, das Auswaertige Amt erneut ihrer ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, 21. April 1961

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Auswaertiges Amt
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No. S/P/10/60

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Auswaertiges Amt and has the honour to express its gratitude to the latter for giving access to Shri Amiya Nath Bose of the Indian National Army Committee and the Netaji Research Bureau to documents in the Government archives about the late Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Shri Bose is desirous of obtaining photostat copies of all documents concerning O. Meggotta and/or Subhash Chandra Bose and the Indian National Movement in Germany and Europe between the period 1941 and the end of the War. All documents by Subhash Chandra Bose or on him and his movement for Indian freedom will be of immense value for the purpose of research work in the Netaji Research Bureau and the Indian National Army Committee.

All expenses incurred in preparing the photostat copies will be met by Shri Amiya Nath Bose on behalf of Netaji Research Bureau by Bank remittance from India to a payee designated by the Auswaertiges Amt. Shri Bose's permanent address in India is: 1, Woodburn Park, Calcutta 20.

The Embassy while offering its good offices in ensuring prompt payment will not itself be directly making the payment on behalf of the organisation.

The photostat copies when prepared may kindly be handed over to the Embassy for transmission to India.

The Embassy of India takes this opportunity to renew to the Auswaertiges Amt the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bonn, the 21st April 1961.

The Auswaertiges Amt,
BONN.

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No. S/P/10/60

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Auswaertiges Amt and has the honour to state that Shri Aniya Nath Bose, nephew of the late Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, and member of the Indian National Army Committee of which ^{HE}Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru is the Chairman, is now on a visit to the Federal Republic. His object is to collect material bearing on the activities of late Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Germany during the last War. Material collected in Germany and in other places will be utilised for the preparation of a history of the Indian Freedom Movement abroad and also for a biography on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The Government of India are anxious that Shri Bose's mission should succeed. They will, therefore, be grateful to the Government of the Federal Republic if facilities are accorded to Shri Bose to have access to relevant records in the archives of the Federal Government and also, if necessary, permission for obtaining copies of the records. *is granted.*

The Embassy of India takes this opportunity to renew to the Auswaertiges Amt the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bonn, the 18th April, 1961.

The Auswaertiges Amt,
BONN

Die Indische Botschaft beehrt sich, dem Auswaertigen Amt mitzuteilen, dass Herr Amiya Nath Bose, ein Neffe des verstorbenen Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, und Mitglied des Indischen Nationalarmee-Komités, dessen Vorsitzender Seine Exzellenz, Ministerpraesident Jawaharlal Nehru ist, sich zurzeit zu einem Besuch in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland aufhaelt. Er hat die Absicht, Material ueber die Taetigkeit des verstorbenen Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose waehrend des letzten Krieges in Deutschland zu sammeln. Das in Deutschland und andernorts vorhandene Material soll bei der Ausarbeitung einer Geschichte ueber die Indische Freiheitsbewegung im Ausland, sowie einer Biographie ueber Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Verwendung finden.

Es ist der Indischen Regierung sehr daran gelegen, dass Shri Boses Auftrag von Erfolg gekroent ist. Sie waere der deutschen Bundesregierung deshalb dankbar, wenn es Herrn Bose soweit wie moeglich gestattet werden koennte, Einblick in das entsprechende Archivmaterial der Bundesregierung zu erhalten und, soweit erforderlich, Erlaubnis zur Ausfertigung von Durchschriftmaterial zu bekommen.

Die indische Botschaft benutzt auch diesen Anlass, das Auswaertige Amt erneut ihrer ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Bonn, 18. April 1961

Auswaertiges Amt
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BY AIR MAIL

B. DEVA RAO
First Secretary.

D.O. No. IER.24/60

EMBASSY OF INDIA
ROME

April 7, 1961.

Dear Shri Avtar Singh,

I write to inform you that Dr. Amiya Nath Bose, who is visiting Europe to collect material regarding Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and about whom Shri S. K. Banerji had written to you in his letters No. 9206-JSW/60 dated the 9th December, 1960, and No. 7(76)-Eur(W)/60 dated the 16th March, 1961, is at present in Rome and tells me that he is likely to arrive in Bonn round about the 16th April, 1961.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(B. Deva Rao)

Shri Avtar Singh,
Counsellor,
Embassy of India,
BONN

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
New Delhi.
16th March, 1961.

Dear Shri Bose,

Would you kindly refer to your letter of the 6th March, 1961, addressed to Shri Dutt about your visit to Europe for collecting material bearing on the activities of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose?

2. We have already informed our Embassies in Bonn and Rome and our High Commission in London about your visit and our Heads of Missions there would be aware of the purpose of your tour and would give you all help. A separate letter of introduction for you would, under the circumstances, be unnecessary. You have stated in your letter that you would be leaving for Europe on the 29th March, 1961. I would suggest that you may kindly inform our Heads of Missions in the above countries as much in advance as possible giving the dates of your visit to London, Bonn and Rome.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(S.K. Banerji)

Shri Amiya Nath Bose,
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta 20.

Copy forwarded for information to:

- (1) Shri S.N. Haksar, Ambassador of India, Rome
- (2) Shri T.N. Kaul, Deputy High Commissioner of India, London with reference to my D.O. No. 9206-JSW/60 dated 12th December, 1960.
- ✓ (3) Shri P.A. Menon, Ambassador of India, Bonn, with reference to correspondence resting with my letter No. 9206-JSW/60 dated 9th December, 1960, to Shri Avtar Singh.

S. Banerji

(S.K. Banerji)
Joint Secretary.

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A file may be opened on this and papers will be kept in it. Khurshid.
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI.

D.O. No. 9206-JSW/60

9th December, 1960.

My dear Avtar,

Please refer to Foreign Secretary's D.O. letter No.FS/825/60 dated the 17th November, 1960 regarding Shri Amiya Nath Bose's visit to West Germany for collecting material bearing on the activities of Netaji in Germany during the last war. Shri Bose has now written to say that he would not be able to leave India for Europe till || March, 1961, when he proposes to stay for two months in Rome, Bonn and London.

Yours sincerely,

S.K. Banerji

(S.K. Banerji)

Shri Avtar Singh,
Counsellor,
Embassy of India,
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My dear Foreign Secretary,

I thank you for your letter No. FS/325/60 dated 17 November 1960 about Shri Amiya Nath Bose. We have noted its contents.

Yours sincerely,

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(Avtar Singh)

Shri S. Dutt,
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2. For your personal information, Bose is an intelligent man, probably in his early forties. He is also genuinely interested, unlike a few others related to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in collecting documents and other material relating to the late leader. But he is apt to spread himself a little too much, and while the Embassy should assist him generally, you should not be taken in too much by whatever he says.

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